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I agree with the settlement that has been reached between the Department of Justice and the nine states. This settlement is fair for the consumers and is generously fair to the competitors. I am not in favor of the competition using litigation that is costing us taxpayers and consumers money for the agenda of Microsoft competitors. The competition needs to compete like all other companies in our capitolic system and may the best products win the competition. Lets settle this case now and focus our energies on more important issues such as the economy and the security of this country.

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